

## THE HEART IN DIABETES

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## Medical Practice Questions

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### Immunotherapy for Melanoma

#### QUESTION:

*In the treatment of melanoma, is the following regimen of immunotherapy considered accepted medical practice: mixed respiratory virus (MRV), staphage lysate (SPL), bacille Calmette-Guérin (BCG) vaccine, methyl extracted residue of phenolized BCG (MER), and topical application of depigmenting agents?*

#### OPINION:

In the opinion of the Scientific Advisory Panels on Dermatology, General Surgery and Internal Medicine, the following forms of immunotherapy in the treatment of melanoma are considered investigational: mixed respiratory virus (MRV), staphage lysate (SPL), bacille Calmette-Guérin (BCG) vaccine, methyl extracted residue of phenolized BCG (MER) and topical applications of depigmenting agents.